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Employment in Connecticut increased by 8,000 during March when the unemployment rate was lower and weekly wages set a new record high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Manufacturing output grew and personal income of state residents also established a new high.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The rise in nonagricultural employment to 1,428,600, up 10,500 from March last year, was mainly in nonmanufacturing industries, which accounted for 7,800 more jobs. Heavy construction firms added an estimated 800 workers as the weather improved. Jobs in the service industries grew by 3,100, primarily in amusement facilities and business services, while government employment increased by 1,200. Jobs in retail trade outlets were more plentiful in anticipation of pre-Easter sales, and restaurants also showed a seasonal gain (Page 2). Factory employment advanced by 200. Each of the 16 labor market areas had a monthly employment gain (Pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers rose $2.09 to $316.01 weekly and the workweek remained unchanged at 41.8 hours (Page 3). Average hourly earnings were $7.56, up five cents from February. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week to eliminate the effect of overtime, hourly wages rose by five cents to $7.24 and weekly earnings increased by $2.00 to $289.60, a 10 percent increase in the hourly rate and a weekly gain of $26.40 from a year ago. Wages in March were highest in the Bristol area, followed by Ansonia, Hartford, Bridgeport, New Britain and Norwich-New London (Page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness dropped in March by 11,100 to 97,800 and the rate was down from 6.8 percent to 6.2 percent (Page 4). Seasonally adjusted, the unemployment rate was 6 percent, up slightly from 5.9 in February. The comparable national average for March was 7.3 percent. Every labor market area had decreased unemployment except Willimantic where there were several temporary closings. Included in the statewide unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and those entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Manufacturing output grew on an actual and seasonally adjusted basis while personal income was higher again in March. Average weekly initial claims for unemployment benefits declined and new automobile registrations increased, partly due to stepped up application processing because of two shorter workweeks (Page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

March 1981

	Mar. 1981	Feb. 1981	Mar. 1980 (R)	% Change Mar. '81 over Feb. '81	% Change Mar. '81 over Mar. '81
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,428,600*	1,420,600*	1,418,100*	+ 0.6	+ 0.7
Manufacturing.....	440,100*	439,900*	449,600*	+ 0.1	- 2.1
Metallic Manufacturing...	322,400*	322,000*	331,300*	+ 0.1	- 2.7
Primary Metals.....	20,600*	20,600*	21,900	0.0	- 5.9
Fabricated Metals.....	65,300	65,100	68,300	+ 0.3	- 4.4
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	62,000	62,300	64,700	- 0.5	- 4.2
Electrical Equipment....	51,000	50,400	52,700	+ 1.2	- 3.2
Transp. Equipment.....	88,000	88,200	88,300*	- 0.2	- 0.3
Instruments & Clocks....	27,400	27,200	26,700	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Other Metallic Mfg.....	8,100	8,200	8,700	+ 1.2	- 6.9
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	117,700*	117,900*	118,300*	- 0.2	- 0.5
Food.....	12,400	12,800	12,700	- 3.1	- 2.4
Textiles.....	8,000	8,000	8,800	0.0	- 9.1
Apparel.....	11,100	11,200	11,000	- 0.9	0.9
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,500*	6,600	7,000	- 1.5	- 7.1
Paper.....	9,700	9,500	9,300	+ 2.1	+ 4.3
Printing & Publishing...	24,300	24,300	24,200	0.0	+ 0.4
Chemicals.....	18,800	18,700	17,900	+ 0.5	+ 5.0
Rubber & Misc. Plast....	13,700*	13,800*	13,900*	- 0.7	- 1.4
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	13,200	13,000	13,500	+ 1.5	- 2.2
Nonmanufacturing.....	988,500	980,700*	968,500*	+ 0.8	+ 2.1
Construction.....	42,900	42,100	43,500	+ 1.9	- 1.4
Trans. (Inc. R.R.).....	31,900	31,900	31,900	0.0	0.0
Communications.....	18,200	18,300	17,700	- 0.6	+ 2.8
Utilities.....	10,900	10,900	11,000	0.0	- 0.9
Trade.....	295,800	294,900	294,000	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
Wholesale.....	74,000	74,400	72,500	- 0.5	+ 2.1
Retail.....	158,100	157,300	157,900	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
Restaurants.....	64,700	63,200	63,600	+ 2.4	+ 1.7
Finance & Real Estate...	46,000	45,800	44,300	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
Insurance.....	61,700	61,000	58,000	+ 1.1	+ 6.4
Service.....	293,800	290,700	281,400*	+ 1.1	+ 4.4
Hotels.....	5,500	5,400	5,900	+ 1.8	- 6.8
Laund. & Pers. Serv....	14,100	13,900	14,300	+ 1.4	- 1.4
Health Services.....	98,000	97,700*	93,400*	+ 0.3	+ 4.9
Law & Professional.....	20,700	20,600	19,400	+ 0.5	+ 6.7
Other Services.....	155,500	153,100	148,400	+ 1.6	+ 4.8
Government.....	186,300	185,100	186,700	+ 0.6	- 0.2
Federal.....	21,900	21,800	21,800	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
State & Local.....	164,400	163,300	164,900	+ 0.7	- 0.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Mar. 1981	Feb. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1981	Feb. 1981	Mar. 1980	Mar. 1981	Feb. 1981	Mar. 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$316.01	$313.92	$290.76	41.8	41.8	42.2	$7.56	$7.51	$6.89
Metallic Manufacturing.....	328.67	326.98	303.88	42.3	42.3	42.8	7.77	7.73	7.10
Primary Metals.....	352.60	355.49	332.69	43.0	43.3	44.3	8.20	8.21	7.51
Fabricated Metals.....	298.22	298.63	271.57	42.3	42.6	42.3	7.05	7.01	6.42
Machinery.....	355.93	353.33	336.24	43.3	43.3	44.3	8.22	8.16	7.59
Electrical Equipment.....	258.74	257.48	231.49	41.2	41.0	40.9	6.28	6.28	5.66
Transportation Equipment..	384.80	378.81	356.12	41.6	41.4	42.7	9.25	9.15	8.34
Instruments & Clocks.....	295.92	299.53	277.01	43.2	43.6	43.9	6.85	6.87	6.31
Other Metallic Mfg.....	275.57	269.28	235.34	42.2	41.3	41.0	6.53	6.52	5.74
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	283.27	279.45	255.37	40.7	40.5	40.6	6.96	6.90	6.29
Food.....	288.88	297.75	269.60	39.9	40.9	39.3	7.24	7.28	6.86
Textiles.....	221.82	225.18	209.90	39.4	40.5	40.6	5.63	5.56	5.17
Apparel.....	174.74	172.62	162.95	35.3	35.3	36.7	4.95	4.89	4.44
Lumber & Furniture.....	236.52	228.63	210.93	40.5	39.9	40.1	5.84	5.73	5.26
Paper.....	348.84	334.93	327.83	45.9	45.2	46.5	7.60	7.41	7.05
Printing & Publishing.....	288.78	284.24	257.62	37.7	37.4	37.5	7.66	7.60	6.87
Chemicals.....	361.20	354.05	327.78	43.0	42.3	43.3	8.40	8.37	7.57
Rubber & Misc. Plastics...	283.32	286.21	248.86	41.3	41.6	40.4	6.86	6.88	6.16
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	300.84	296.65	264.38	43.1	42.5	41.7	6.98	6.98	6.34
Construction.....	462.34	477.85	391.31	38.4	39.2	35.9	12.04	12.19	10.90

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	March 1981 Number	March 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	Feb. 1981 Number	Feb. 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	March 1980 Number	March 1980 Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	97,800	6.2	108,900	6.8	89,600	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted....						
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,800	10.6	2,100	12.0	1,400	7.8
Bridgeport.....	11,000	5.7	12,700	6.6	10,900	5.6
Bristol.....	3,500	9.6	3,700	10.1	2,300	6.1
Danbury.....	5,400	6.0	6,100	6.7	5,200	5.9
Danielson.....	2,700	9.3	3,100	10.9	2,800	9.3
Hartford.....	21,500	5.6	23,400	6.1	19,000	5.0
Meriden.....	2,500	9.5	2,800	10.4	2,000	7.8
Middletown.....	3,100	5.2	3,700	6.2	2,900	4.8
New Britain.....	4,700	6.1	5,500	7.1	4,300	5.5
New Haven.....	13,700	6.8	14,600	7.2	12,700	6.2
New London-Norwich.....	5,900	5.6	6,600	6.3	6,000	5.7
Norwalk.....	3,900	5.2	4,000	5.4	3,500	4.7
Stamford.....	4,600	3.9	5,400	4.6	4,600	3.9
Torrington.....	3,600	9.1	4,200	10.3	3,100	8.0
Waterbury.....	8,500	7.9	9,700	9.0	7,700	6.9
Willimantic.....	1,400	5.5	1,300	5.1	1,200	4.9
U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,087,000	7.7	8,425,000	8.0	6,805,000	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(7.3)		(7.3)		(6.3)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	Mar. '81	Feb. '81	Mar. '80
All Items.....	265.1	263.2	239.8
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.7	+10.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Mar.'81	Feb.'81	Mar.'80 (R)	Percent Change to March 1981 from: Feb.'81	Mar.'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,540	8,490	8,870	+ 0.6	- 3.7
Manufacturing	3,170	3,160	3,470	+ 0.3	- 8.6
Nonmanufacturing	5,370	5,330	5,400	+ 0.8	- 0.5
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	170,060	168,700	168,610	+ 0.8	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	66,270	65,720	66,460	+ 0.8	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	103,790	102,980	102,150	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,810	23,700	25,150	+ 0.5	- 5.3
Manufacturing	10,250	10,310	11,990	- 0.6	- 14.5
Nonmanufacturing	13,560	13,390	13,160	+ 1.3	+ 3.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,890	64,300	62,140	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Manufacturing	21,910	21,870	21,610	+ 0.2	+ 1.4
Nonmanufacturing	42,980	42,430	40,530	+ 1.3	+ 6.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,910	19,750	20,050	+ 0.8	- 0.7
Manufacturing	9,320	9,230	9,650	+ 1.0	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	10,590	10,520	10,400	+ 0.7	+ 1.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	400,860*	398,090*	392,450*	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	98,580*	98,820	101,320*	- 0.2	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	302,280	299,270*	291,130*	+ 1.0	+ 3.8
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,440	21,250	21,200	+ 0.9	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	5,940	6,000	6,130	- 1.0	- 3.1
Nonmanufacturing	15,500	15,250	15,070	+ 1.6	+ 2.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	47,100	46,840	47,000	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	16,130	16,140	17,100	- 0.1	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	30,970	30,700	29,900	+ 0.9	+ 3.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,330*	64,750*	65,790*	+ 0.9	- 0.7
Manufacturing	29,980*	30,120*	31,320*	- 0.5	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	35,350	34,630	34,470	+ 2.1	+ 2.6
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	191,360	190,080	191,610	+ 0.7	- 0.1
Manufacturing	40,910	41,180	45,030	- 0.7	- 9.1
Nonmanufacturing	150,450	148,900	146,580	+ 1.0	+ 2.6
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	92,290	91,570	90,690*	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	36,090	35,980	35,300*	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
Nonmanufacturing	56,200	55,590	55,390	+ 1.1	+ 1.5
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	62,530	61,940	61,250	+ 1.0	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	21,250	21,040	20,350	+ 1.0	+ 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	41,280	40,900	40,900	+ 0.9	+ 0.9

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Mar.'81	Feb.'81	Mar.'80(R)	Percent Change to March 1981 from: Feb.'81	Mar.'8
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	109,050	108,130	107,380	+ 0.9	+ 1.
Manufacturing	31,780	31,780	31,800	0.0	- 0.
Nonmanufacturing	77,270	76,350	75,580	+ 1.2	+ 2.
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,510	28,380	28,820	+ 0.5	- 1.
Manufacturing	10,430	10,410	10,720	+ 0.2	- 2.
Nonmanufacturing	18,080	17,970	18,100	+ 0.6	- 0.
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,910*	87,190*	90,170	+ 0.8	- 2.
Manufacturing	32,900*	32,830*	35,390	+ 0.2	- 7.
Nonmanufacturing	55,010	54,360	54,780	+ 1.2	+ 0.
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,150	19,880	20,000	+ 1.4	+ 0.
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,880	0.0	+ 4.
Nonmanufacturing	17,150	16,880	17,120	+ 1.6	+ 0.

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - MARCH 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.'81	Feb.'81	Mar.'80	Mar.'81	Feb.'81	Mar.'80	Mar.'81	Feb.'81	Mar.'80
Ansonia	$353.22	$339.48	$356.26	42.1	41.0	44.7	$8.39	$8.28	$7.97
Bridgeport	331.62	329.13	306.56	42.9	42.8	43.3	7.73	7.69	7.08
Bristol	355.83	338.12	330.46	40.9	39.5	40.3	8.70	8.56	8.20
Danbury	307.19	309.77	276.95	44.2	44.7	44.1	6.95	6.93	6.28
Danielson	249.23	248.84	219.96	38.7	38.7	37.6	6.44	6.43	5.85
Hartford	337.74	336.04	318.12	41.8	41.9	42.7	8.08	8.02	7.45
Meriden	278.66	268.66	254.59	41.1	40.4	40.8	6.78	6.65	6.24
Middletown	320.78	321.91	293.79	40.4	40.8	40.3	7.94	7.89	7.29
New Britain	330.07	326.83	299.75	42.7	42.5	42.7	7.73	7.69	7.02
New Haven	286.44	281.06	279.35	39.4	39.2	40.9	7.27	7.17	6.83
New London-Norwich	322.83	311.95	292.52	42.2	41.1	41.2	7.65	7.59	7.10
Norwalk	312.18	323.90	281.60	43.6	44.8	44.0	7.16	7.23	6.40
Stamford	287.29	287.82	279.94	41.1	41.0	43.2	6.99	7.02	6.48
Torrington	245.44	235.53	208.30	42.1	40.4	39.6	5.83	5.83	5.26
Waterbury	267.54	272.63	248.40	42.0	42.4	41.4	6.37	6.43	6.00
Willimantic	268.78	265.67	254.67	44.5	44.5	44.6	6.04	5.97	5.71

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.5	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1426.5	1424.8	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1434.9	1423.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1439.5	1414.3	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1413.3	1422.2	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1403.7	1418.2	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1419.9	1415.8	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1426.9	1419.6	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1434.9	1422.2	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1441.8	1424.3	1.0(R)	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1443.7	1.4(R)	1.6(R)	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.7(P)	1.7(P)	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....								
May....								
Jun....								
Jul....								
Aug....								
Sep....								
Oct....								
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
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The state's unemployment rate dropped to a five-month low of 5.8 percent in April, while employment increased by 4,000 to a 1981 high, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reported.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total nonagricultural employment advanced to 1,432,600 in April with the nonmanufacturing sector accounting for most of the gain (Page 2). At the same time last year, nonfarm employment was 1,427,600. The services group continued to expand. Construction employment improved although a major labor-management dispute in mid-April idling about 4,000 workers restrained a seasonal surge in heavy construction activity.

Factory employment declined by 1,600 to 438,500 due in part to cutbacks in the transportation equipment industry, a labor dispute involving an instruments manufacturer, and a plant closing in the rubber industry (Page 2). Eleven of the 16 labor market areas had employment increases (Pages 5 & 6).

Average hourly earnings of factory production workers declined by a penny to $7.55, but April's level was 62 cents above the 1980 average. Weekly earnings dropped by $2.69 to $313.32 as the Good Friday holiday shortened the average workweek to 41.5 hours from 41.8 hours in March (Page 3). Adjusted on a straight-time, 40-hour week, average hourly earnings were $7.26, an increase of 63 cents from the same time last year, and $289.60 weekly, up from $265.20 a year ago. Highest hourly earnings were paid in the Bristol ($8.76), Ansonia ($8.38) and Hartford ($8.02) areas (Page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness declined from 6.2 percent to 5.8 percent, (Page 4) matching the December unemployment rate. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the April rate remained unchanged at 6.0 percent, or 1.3 percent below the national average. Lower unemployment was recorded in 13 labor market areas and increases in three. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Seasonally adjusted indicators were mixed in April as new auto registrations were up, the average workweek was extended, and manufacturing output improved. Average weekly initial claims for jobless benefits increased and the new hire rate and personal income of state residents declined (Page 7).

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C O N N E C T I C U T N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

April 1981

I N D U S T R Y	Apr. 1981	Mar. 1981	Apr. 1980 (R)	% Change Apr. '81 over Mar. '81	% Change Apr. '81 over Apr. '80
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,432,600*	1,428,600*	1,427,600*	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
Manufacturing.....	438,500*	440,100*	450,200*	- 0.4	- 2.6
Metallic Manufacturing...	321,500*	322,400*	331,200*	- 0.3	- 2.9
Primary Metals.....	20,700	20,600*	21,700	+ 0.5	- 4.6
Fabricated Metals.....	65,100*	65,300	67,600*	- 0.3	- 3.7
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	62,200	62,000	64,600	+ 0.3	- 3.7
Electrical Equipment....	51,100	51,000	53,100	+ 0.2	- 3.8
Transportation Equip....	87,300	88,000	88,500*	- 0.8	- 1.4
Instruments & Clocks....	27,000*	27,400	27,000	- 1.5	0.0
Other Metallic Mfg.....	8,100	8,100	8,700	0.0	- 6.9
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	117,000*	117,700*	119,000*	- 0.6	- 1.7
Food.....	12,400	12,400	12,500	0.0	- 0.8
Textiles.....	8,100	8,000	8,800	+ 1.3	- 8.0
Apparel.....	10,700	11,100	11,100	- 3.6	- 3.6
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,500	6,500*	6,900	0.0	- 5.8
Paper.....	9,700	9,700	9,400	0.0	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing...	24,100	24,300	24,400*	- 0.8	- 1.2
Chemicals.....	18,800	18,800	18,700	0.0	+ 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,300*	13,700*	13,600*	- 2.9	- 2.2
Other Nonmetallic Mfg...	13,400	13,200	13,600	+ 1.5	- 1.5
Nonmanufacturing.....	994,100*	988,500	977,400*	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Construction.....	44,300*	42,900	47,900*	+ 3.3	- 7.5
Transportation(Inc.R.R.)	31,500	31,900	32,100	- 1.3	- 1.9
Communications.....	18,300	18,200	17,800	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Utilities.....	11,000	10,900	11,100	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Trade.....	297,500	296,800	297,100*	+ 0.2	+ 0.1
Wholesale.....	74,300	74,000	72,700	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Retail.....	158,000	158,100	159,300	- 0.1	- 0.8
Restaurants.....	65,200	64,700	65,100	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
Finance & Real Estate...	46,700	46,000	44,400	+ 1.5	+ 5.2
Insurance.....	61,400	61,700	58,300	- 0.5	+ 5.3
Service.....	296,900	293,800	284,500	+ 1.1	+ 4.4
Hotels.....	5,400	5,500	6,100	- 1.8	- 11.5
Laundries & Pers.Serv..	14,500	14,100	14,600	+ 2.8	- 0.7
Health Services.....	98,200	98,000	93,800*	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
Law & Prof. Serv.....	20,900	20,700	19,600	+ 1.0	+ 6.6
Other Services.....	157,900	155,500	150,400	+ 1.5	+ 5.0
Government.....	186,500	186,300	184,200	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Federal.....	21,800	21,900	22,300	- 0.5	- 2.2
State & Local.....	164,700	164,400	161,900	+ 0.2	+ 1.7

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S - A P R I L 1 9 8 1

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr. 1981	Mar. 1981	Apr. 1980	Apr. 1981	Mar. 1981	Apr. 1980	Apr. 1981	Mar. 1981	Apr. 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$313.32	$316.01	$290.37	41.5	41.8	41.9	$7.55	$7.56	$6.93
Metallic Manufacturing.....	323.95	328.67	303.03	41.8	42.3	42.5	7.75	7.77	7.13
Primary Metals.....	358.09	352.60	335.16	43.3	43.0	44.1	8.27	8.20	7.60
Fabricated Metals.....	294.69	298.22	275.80	41.8	42.3	42.3	7.05	7.05	6.52
Machinery.....	351.42	355.93	337.48	42.7	43.3	44.0	8.23	8.22	7.67
Electrical Equipment.....	260.99	258.74	236.90	41.1	41.2	41.2	6.35	6.28	5.75
Transportation Equipment..	376.16	384.80	341.96	41.2	41.6	41.5	9.13	9.25	8.24
Instruments & Clocks.....	282.73	295.92	276.89	41.7	43.2	43.4	6.78	6.85	6.38
Other Metallic Mfg.....	271.05	275.57	245.53	41.7	42.2	41.9	6.50	6.53	5.86
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	285.60	283.27	255.91	40.8	40.7	40.3	7.00	6.96	6.35
Food.....	293.38	288.88	272.69	40.3	39.9	38.9	7.28	7.24	7.01
Textiles.....	224.64	221.82	207.20	39.9	39.4	40.0	5.63	5.63	5.18
Apparel.....	178.92	174.74	168.14	35.5	35.3	37.2	5.04	4.95	4.52
Lumber & Furniture.....	235.53	236.52	211.20	40.4	40.5	39.7	5.83	5.84	5.32
Paper.....	349.45	348.84	333.82	45.8	45.9	46.3	7.63	7.60	7.21
Printing & Publishing.....	289.90	288.78	257.94	37.6	37.7	37.6	7.71	7.66	6.86
Chemicals.....	362.09	361.20	330.15	42.8	43.0	43.1	8.46	8.40	7.66
Rubber & Misc. Plastics...	282.62	283.32	249.05	41.5	41.3	40.3	6.81	6.86	6.18
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	302.99	300.84	261.94	43.1	43.1	40.8	7.03	6.98	6.42
Construction.....	445.28	462.34	393.47	36.8	38.4	36.5	12.10	12.04	10.78

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	April 1981		March 1981		April 1980	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	92,400	5.8	97,800	6.2	89,200	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted....		6.0		6.0		5.5
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,500	9.3	1,800	10.6	1,400	8.2
Bridgeport.....	11,600	6.0	11,000	5.7	10,800	5.5
Bristol.....	3,200	8.6	3,500	9.6	2,500	6.5
Danbury.....	5,000	5.5	5,400	6.0	5,000	5.6
Danielson.....	2,500	8.6	2,700	9.3	2,800	9.4
Hartford.....	19,100	5.0	21,500	5.6	17,900	4.6
Meriden.....	2,300	8.8	2,500	9.5	2,000	7.8
Middletown.....	3,000	5.1	3,100	5.2	2,900	4.8
New Britain.....	4,800	6.3	4,700	6.1	4,100	5.2
New Haven.....	12,800	6.4	13,700	6.8	12,700	6.2
New London-Norwich.....	6,400	6.0	5,900	5.6	6,300	5.8
Norwalk.....	3,200	4.3	3,900	5.2	3,400	4.6
Stamford.....	4,500	3.7	4,600	3.9	5,200	4.3
Torrington.....	3,100	7.7	3,600	9.1	3,000	7.4
Waterbury.....	8,400	7.8	8,500	7.9	8,000	7.1
Willimantic.....	1,000	4.2	1,400	5.5	1,200	4.6
U.S. Total-Actual.....	7,396,000	7.0	8,087,000	7.7	6,486,000	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(7.3)		(7.3)		(6.9)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	Apr. '81	Mar. '81	Apr. '80
All Items.....	266.8	265.1	242.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.6	+10.0

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Apr.'81	Mar.'81	Apr.'80 (R)	Percent Change to April 1981 from: Mar.'81	Apr.'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,570	8,540	8,920	+ 0.4	- 3.9
Manufacturing	3,150	3,170	3,470	- 0.6	- 9.2
Nonmanufacturing	5,420	5,370	5,450	+ 0.9	- 0.6
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	170,280*	170,060	170,500	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Manufacturing	66,200	66,270	66,580	- 0.1	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	104,080*	103,790	103,920	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,940	23,810	25,260	+ 0.5	- 5.2
Manufacturing	10,310	10,250	11,800	+ 0.6	- 12.6
Nonmanufacturing	13,630	13,560	13,460	+ 0.5	+ 1.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,660*	64,890	63,250	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Manufacturing	22,010	21,910	21,360	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
Nonmanufacturing	43,650*	42,980	41,890	+ 1.6	+ 4.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,020*	19,910	20,000	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	9,370*	9,320	9,450	+ 0.5	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	10,650	10,590	10,550	+ 0.6	+ 0.9
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	401,160*	400,860*	398,610*	+ 0.1	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	98,260	98,580*	102,140*	- 0.3	- 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	302,900*	302,280	296,470*	+ 0.2	+ 2.2
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,330	21,440	21,260	- 0.5	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	5,570	5,940	5,950	- 6.2	- 6.4
Nonmanufacturing	15,760	15,500	15,310	+ 1.7	+ 2.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	47,080	47,100	47,470*	- 0.1	- 0.8
Manufacturing	15,800	16,130	17,180	- 2.0	- 8.0
Nonmanufacturing	31,280	30,970	30,290*	+ 1.0	+ 3.3
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,620*	65,330*	66,050*	+ 0.4	- 0.7
Manufacturing	29,840*	29,980*	31,090*	- 0.5	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	35,780*	35,350	34,960	+ 1.2	+ 2.3
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	191,180*	191,360	193,110*	- 0.1	- 1.0
Manufacturing	39,990	40,910	45,060*	- 2.2	- 11.3
Nonmanufacturing	151,190*	150,450	148,050	+ 0.5	+ 2.1
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	92,900*	92,290	92,210*	+ 0.7	+ 0.7
Manufacturing	36,200	36,090	35,300*	+ 0.3	+ 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	56,700*	56,200	56,910	+ 0.9	- 0.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	62,160*	62,530	61,380	- 0.6	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	21,120	21,250	20,230	- 0.6	+ 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	41,040*	41,280	41,150	- 0.6	- 0.3

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Apr.'81	Mar.'81	Apr.'80 (R)	Percent Change to April 1981 from: Mar.'81	Apr.'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	109,800*	109,050	108,390	+ 0.7	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	31,700	31,780	31,800	- 0.3	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	78,100*	77,270	76,590	+ 1.1	+ 2.0
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,800	28,510	28,940	+ 1.0	- 0.5
Manufacturing	10,440	10,430	10,650	+ 0.1	- 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	18,360	18,080	18,290	+ 1.5	+ 0.4
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,570*	87,910*	90,830	- 0.4	- 3.6
Manufacturing	32,830	32,900*	35,040	- 0.2	- 6.3
Nonmanufacturing	54,740*	55,010	55,790	- 0.5	- 1.9
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,250	20,150	19,880	+ 0.5	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	3,000	3,000	2,800	0.0	+ 7.1
Nonmanufacturing	17,250	17,150	17,080	+ 0.6	+ 1.0

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - APRIL 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr.'81	Mar.'81	Apr.'80	Apr.'81	Mar.'81	Apr.'80	Apr.'81	Mar.'81	Apr.'80
Ansonia	$355.31	$353.22	$356.16	42.4	42.1	44.8	$8.38	$8.39	$7.95
Bridgeport	330.58	331.62	305.15	42.6	42.9	43.1	7.76	7.73	7.08
Bristol	355.66	355.83	335.79	40.6	40.9	40.9	8.76	8.70	8.21
Danbury	305.03	307.19	287.67	43.7	44.2	44.6	6.98	6.95	6.45
Danielson	248.45	249.23	220.37	38.4	38.7	37.8	6.47	6.44	5.83
Hartford	330.42	337.74	320.46	41.2	41.8	42.9	8.02	8.08	7.47
Meriden	283.44	278.66	256.14	41.5	41.1	40.4	6.83	6.78	6.34
Middletown	318.00	320.78	294.26	40.0	40.4	40.2	7.95	7.94	7.32
New Britain	323.53	330.07	299.75	41.8	42.7	42.7	7.74	7.73	7.02
New Haven	290.21	286.44	286.71	39.7	39.4	40.9	7.31	7.27	7.01
New London-Norwich	314.42	322.83	287.34	41.1	42.2	40.7	7.65	7.65	7.06
Norwalk	301.14	312.18	285.36	42.0	43.6	43.7	7.17	7.16	6.53
Stamford	289.05	287.29	280.36	41.0	41.1	43.0	7.05	6.99	6.52
Torrington	237.92	245.44	209.47	40.6	42.1	39.3	5.86	5.83	5.33
Waterbury	264.13	267.54	251.22	41.4	42.0	41.8	6.38	6.37	6.01
Willimantic	255.09	268.78	260.14	42.8	44.5	45.4	5.96	6.04	5.73

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.8(R)	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.6(R)	1425.5(R)	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.9(R)	1424.8(R)	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1441.8(R)	1416.5(R)	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1415.6(R)	1424.9(R)	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1406.0(R)	1420.6(R)	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1422.1(R)	1417.6(R)	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1428.9(R)	1421.7(R)	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1436.8(R)	1424.1(R)	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1443.6(R)	1426.0(R)	1.0	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1445.2(R)	1.4	1.6	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.5(R)	1.5(R)	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....	1432.6	1429.7	1.2(P)	1.3(P)	4644	5120	5.8	6.0
May....								
Jun....								
Jul....								
Aug....								
Sep....								
Oct....								
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....	2890.5	12979	13271	41.5	41.8	119.3	116.2
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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June 1981

Employment in Connecticut recorded a 1981 high for people at jobs during May when unemployment also declined to a low for this year, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. At the same time, average weekly wages for factory workers and personal income of all state residents were the highest in the state's history.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonagricultural employment, with a monthly gain of 8,800, reached a 1981 high of 1,441,400, up from 1,435,900 in May 1980 (Page 2). Factory employment declined by 500 to 438,000, primarily due to losses in the metallic sector where layoffs in transportation equipment offset gains in such categories as electrical equipment and instruments and clocks. Settlement of a major labor-management dispute in the road building industry contributed to a nine percent monthly gain in construction employment. Other advances, largely seasonal, were in restaurant, trade, hotels and other services. Fourteen of the 16 labor market areas had employment gains (Pages 5 & 6).

A record $318.24 was reached in the average weekly pay of production workers, with hourly earnings up 10-cents for a slightly longer workweek than April (Page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings this May were $7.34 or $293.60 weekly compared with April's $7.26 and $290.40. This reflected a 9.1 percent hourly increase from May 1980. Wages were highest in the Ansonia area, followed by Bristol, Bridgeport, Hartford and New Britain (Page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment at 84,500 or 5.3 percent in May compared with an April level of 92,400 or 5.8 percent (Page 4). The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.8 percent (down from 6 percent in April) remained well below the national 7.6 percent figure. Fifteen of the state's 16 labor market areas recorded lower unemployment. There was an increase of 100 in the Middletown area. Included in the statewide unemployment estimate were those persons receiving benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In addition to higher wages, personal income and employment and decreased unemployment, the manufacturing new hire rate remained almost unchanged and manufacturing output was steady (Page 7).

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(Listings of "labor surplus areas" in Connecticut are on the final page, with details on the availability of annual planning information.)

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C O N N E C T I C U T N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L E M P L O Y M E N T
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

May 1981

	May 1981	Apr. 1981	May (R) 1980	% Change May '81 over Apr. '81	% Change May '81 over May '80
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,441,400*	1,432,600*	1,435,900*	+ 0.6	+ 0.4
Manufacturing.....	438,000*	438,500*	447,800*	- 0.1	- 2.2
Metallic Manufacturing..	320,200*	321,500*	329,500*	- 0.4	- 2.8
Primary Metals.....	20,400*	20,700	21,200*	- 1.4	- 3.8
Fabricated Metals.....	64,900	65,100*	66,900	- 0.3	- 3.0
Machinery, Ex. Elec...	61,900	62,200	63,500	- 0.5	- 2.5
Electrical Equipment..	51,200	51,100	53,200	+ 0.2	- 3.8
Transp. Equipment.....	86,600	87,300	88,300*	- 0.8	- 1.9
Instruments & Clocks..	27,200	27,000	27,800	+ 0.7	- 2.2
Other Metallic Mfg....	8,000	8,100	8,600	- 1.2	- 7.0
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	117,800	117,000*	118,300*	+ 0.7	- 0.4
Food.....	12,500	12,400	12,500	+ 0.8	0.0
Textiles.....	8,100	8,100	8,700	0.0	- 6.9
Apparel.....	11,100	10,700	11,000	+ 3.7	+ 0.9
Furniture & Lumber....	6,600	6,500	6,900	+ 1.5	- 4.3
Paper.....	9,800	9,700	9,500	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Printing & Publishing.	24,100	24,100	24,100*	0.0	0.0
Chemicals.....	18,700	18,800	18,800	- 0.5	- 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plast..	13,300	13,300*	13,500*	0.0	- 1.5
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.	13,600	13,400	13,300	+ 1.5	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,003,400*	994,100*	988,100*	+ 0.9	+ 1.5
Construction.....	48,300*	44,300*	49,300	+ 9.0	- 2.0
Transp. (Inc. R.R.)...	31,800	31,500	32,500	+ 1.0	- 2.2
Communications.....	18,300	18,300	17,700	0.0	+ 3.4
Utilities.....	11,100	11,000	11,100	+ 0.9	0.0
Trade.....	300,000	297,500	300,100*	+ 0.8	- 0.0**
Wholesale.....	74,400	74,300	72,900*	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Retail.....	158,300	158,000	160,300*	+ 0.2	- 1.2
Restaurants.....	67,300	65,200	66,900	+ 3.2	+ 0.6
Finance & Real Estate.	46,900	46,700	44,800	+ 0.4	+ 4.7
Insurance.....	62,000	61,400	58,500	+ 1.0	+ 6.0
Service.....	299,800	296,900	287,200*	+ 1.0	+ 4.4
Hotels.....	6,100	5,400	6,500	+ 13.0	- 6.2
Laundries & Pers.Ser	14,000	14,500	14,200	- 3.4	- 1.4
Health Services.....	98,400	98,200	94,000*	+ 0.2	+ 4.7
Law & Professional..	20,600	20,900	19,700	- 1.4	+ 4.6
Other Services.....	160,700	157,900	152,800	+ 1.8	+ 5.2
Government.....	185,200	186,500	186,900	- 0.7	- 0.9
Federal.....	21,800	21,800	23,800	0.0	- 8.4
State & Local.....	163,400	164,700	163,100	- 0.8	+ 0.2

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** Less than 0.05 percent.
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1981	Apr. 1981	May 1980	May 1981	Apr. 1981	May 1980	May 1981	Apr. 1981	May 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$318.24	$313.32	$293.85	41.6	41.5	41.8	$7.65	$7.55	$7.03
Metallic Manufacturing.....	328.50	323.95	306.55	41.9	41.8	42.4	7.84	7.75	7.23
Primary Metals.....	367.11	358.09	331.87	43.6	43.3	43.1	8.42	8.27	7.70
Fabricated Metals.....	303.96	294.69	277.86	42.1	41.8	42.1	7.22	7.05	6.60
Machinery.....	357.73	351.42	341.44	43.1	42.7	44.0	8.30	8.23	7.76
Electrical Equipment.....	263.04	260.99	235.58	41.1	41.1	40.9	6.40	6.35	5.76
Transportation Equipment..	375.55	376.16	354.48	40.6	41.2	42.1	9.25	9.13	8.42
Instruments & Clocks.....	287.64	282.73	282.53	42.3	41.7	43.2	6.80	6.78	6.54
Other Metallic Mfg.....	272.35	271.05	247.21	41.9	41.7	41.9	6.50	6.50	5.90
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	290.50	285.60	258.24	40.8	40.8	40.1	7.12	7.00	6.44
Food.....	301.10	293.38	282.58	40.8	40.3	39.8	7.38	7.28	7.10
Textiles.....	233.63	224.64	210.40	39.8	39.9	40.0	5.87	5.63	5.26
Apparel.....	183.50	178.92	163.17	35.7	35.5	36.1	5.14	5.04	4.52
Lumber & Furniture.....	240.44	235.53	214.52	41.1	40.4	39.8	5.85	5.83	5.39
Paper.....	357.50	349.45	330.87	45.6	45.8	45.7	7.84	7.63	7.24
Printing & Publishing.....	293.66	289.90	253.60	37.6	37.6	36.7	7.81	7.71	6.91
Chemicals.....	371.52	362.09	329.45	43.0	42.8	42.4	8.64	8.46	7.77
Rubber & Misc. Plastics...	283.24	282.62	257.04	41.9	41.5	40.8	6.76	6.81	6.30
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	306.79	302.99	266.74	42.2	43.1	41.1	7.27	7.03	6.49
Construction.....	443.07	445.28	419.62	36.8	36.8	37.2	12.04	12.10	11.28

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	May 1981		April 1981		May 1980	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	84,500	5.3	92,400	5.8	91,200	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.8)		(6.0)		(5.8)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,300	8.0	1,500	9.3	1,500	8.5
Bridgeport.....	10,500	5.4	11,600	6.0	12,200	6.1
Bristol.....	2,300	6.5	3,200	8.6	2,900	7.6
Danbury.....	4,500	5.0	5,000	5.5	4,600	5.2
Danielson.....	2,200	7.7	2,500	8.6	2,800	9.1
Hartford.....	18,300	4.7	19,100	5.0	18,200	4.6
Meriden.....	2,100	8.2	2,300	8.8	2,200	8.2
Middletown.....	3,100	5.3	3,000	5.1	2,800	4.5
New Britain.....	4,200	5.5	4,800	6.3	4,000	5.1
New Haven.....	12,300	6.1	12,800	6.4	12,600	6.1
New London-Norwich.....	5,700	5.4	6,400	6.0	6.400	5.8
Norwalk.....	2,800	3.7	3,200	4.3	3,200	4.3
Stamford.....	4,200	3.5	4,500	3.7	4,700	3.9
Torrington.....	2,900	7.2	3,100	7.7	2,900	7.2
Waterbury.....	7,200	6.8	8,400	7.8	8,700	7.7
Willimantic.....	900	3.6	1,000	4.2	1,500	5.7
U.S. Total-Actual.....	7,545,000	7.1	7,396,000	7.0	7,318,000	7.0
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(7.6)		(7.3)		(7.6)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	May '81	Apr. '81	May '80
All Items.....	269.0	266.8	242.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.8	+10.9

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	May '81	Apr. '81	May '80 (R)	Percent Change to May 1981 from: April '81	May '80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,560	8,570	8,910	- 0.1	- 3.9
Manufacturing	3,110	3,150	3,460	- 1.3	- 10.1
Nonmanufacturing	5,450	5,420	5,450	+ 0.6	0.0
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	171,090*	170,280*	170,560*	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	66,400	66,200	65,600	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	104,690*	104,080*	104,960*	+ 0.6	- 0.3
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	24,220	23,940	24,920	+ 1.2	- 2.8
Manufacturing	10,400	10,310	11,240	+ 0.9	- 7.5
Nonmanufacturing	13,820	13,630	13,680	+ 1.4	+ 1.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	66,280*	65,660*	63,600	+ 0.9	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	21,990	22,010	21,100	- 0.1	+ 4.2
Nonmanufacturing	44,290*	43,650*	42,500	+ 1.5	+ 4.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,280	20,020*	20,060	+ 1.3	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	9,520	9,370*	9,300	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	10,760	10,650	10,760	+ 1.0	0.0
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	403,610	401,160*	401,310*	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Manufacturing	97,970	98,260	101,910*	- 0.3	- 3.9
Nonmanufacturing	305,640	302,900*	299,400*	+ 0.9	+ 2.1
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,420	21,330	21,350	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	5,530	5,570	5,890	- 0.7	- 6.1
Nonmanufacturing	15,890	15,760	15,460	+ 0.8	+ 2.8
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	47,200	47,080	47,750*	+ 0.3	- 1.2
Manufacturing	15,390	15,800	17,050	- 2.6	- 9.7
Nonmanufacturing	31,810	31,280	30,700*	+ 1.7	+ 3.6
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,950*	65,620*	66,210*	+ 0.5	- 0.4
Manufacturing	29,790	29,840*	30,770*	- 0.2	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	36,160*	35,780*	35,440	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	193,340	191,180*	194,360*	+ 1.1	- 0.5
Manufacturing	40,160	39,990	44,440	+ 0.4	- 9.6
Nonmanufacturing	153,180	151,190*	149,920*	+ 1.3	+ 2.2
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	94,010*	92,900*	93,540*	+ 1.2	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	35,950	36,200	35,240*	- 0.7	+ 2.0
Nonmanufacturing	58,060*	56,700*	58,300	+ 2.4	- 0.4
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,130*	62,160*	61,890	+ 1.6	+ 2.0
Manufacturing	21,140	21,120	20,270	+ 0.1	+ 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	41,990*	41,040*	41,620	+ 2.3	+ 0.9

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	May '81	Apr.'81	May'80 (R)	Percent Change to May 1981 from: April '81	May '80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	110,640*	109,800*	109,160	+ 0.8	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	31,220*	31,700	31,600	- 1.5	- 1.2
Nonmanufacturing	79,420*	78,100*	77,560	+ 1.7	+ 2.4
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,990	28,800	28,580	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	10,480	10,440	10,470	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	18,510	18,360	18,110	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	88,160*	87,570*	90,940	+ 0.7	- 3.1
Manufacturing	32,810	32,830	34,180	- 0.1	- 4.0
Nonmanufacturing	55,350*	54,740*	56,760	+ 1.1	- 2.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,970	20,250	19,790	- 1.4	+ 0.9
Manufacturing	3,010	3,000	2,960	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	16,960	17,250	16,830	- 1.7	+ 0.8

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - MAY 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May '81	Apr.'81	May '80	May '81	Apr.'81	May '80	May'81	Apr.'81	May '80
Ansonia	$355.72	$355.31	$349.00	42.5	42.4	43.9	$8.37	$8.38	$7.95
Bridgeport	336.26	330.58	305.15	43.0	42.6	42.5	7.82	7.76	7.18
Bristol	350.15	355.66	329.91	39.7	40.6	39.7	8.82	8.76	8.31
Danbury	312.32	305.03	294.38	44.3	43.7	45.5	7.05	6.98	6.47
Danielson	256.37	248.45	215.26	39.2	38.4	36.3	6.54	6.47	5.93
Hartford	333.29	330.42	324.61	41.3	41.2	42.6	8.07	8.02	7.62
Meriden	283.87	283.44	264.55	41.2	41.5	41.4	6.89	6.83	6.39
Middletown	319.60	318.00	304.36	40.0	40.0	40.1	7.99	7.95	7.59
New Britain	330.85	323.53	300.62	42.2	41.8	42.4	7.84	7.74	7.09
New Haven	293.78	290.21	283.01	39.7	39.7	40.2	7.40	7.31	7.04
New London-Norwich	313.07	314.42	291.37	40.5	41.1	40.3	7.73	7.65	7.23
Norwalk	309.89	301.14	299.01	43.1	42.0	45.1	7.19	7.17	6.63
Stamford	293.76	289.05	280.97	41.2	41.0	42.7	7.13	7.05	6.58
Torrington	238.14	237.92	213.05	40.5	40.6	39.6	5.88	5.86	5.38
Waterbury	270.67	264.13	244.32	41.9	41.4	41.2	6.46	6.38	5.93
Willimantic	256.34	255.09	265.46	42.3	42.8	45.3	6.06	5.96	5.86

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of th area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.8	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.6	1425.5	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.9	1424.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1441.8	1416.5	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1415.6	1424.9	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1406.0	1420.6	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1422.1	1417.6	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1428.9	1421.7	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1436.8	1424.1	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1443.6	1426.0	1.0	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1445.2	1.4	1.6	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.5	1.5	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....	1432.6	1429.7	1.4(R)	1.6(R)	4644	5120	5.8	6.0
May....	1441.4	1430.0	1.4(P)	1.3(P)	3941	5282	5.3	5.8
Jun....								
Jul....								
Aug....								
Sep....								
Oct....								
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....	2890.5	12979	13271	41.5	41.8	119.3	116.2
May....	2906.6	9161	8328	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
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FIFTEEN TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT LISTED AS LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The U.S. Department of Labor has updated its listing of areas designated as "labor surplus" for the twelve-month period June 1, 1981 through May 31, 1982. Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in bidding on Federal procurement contracts. The purpose of this preference is to guide a portion of the government's procurement dollars into areas of most severe economic need. To be included on the annual listing, an area must have had an unemployment rate during the reference period of at least 1.20 times the national average unemployment rate for the same period. A comparison is made using the average of the area's unemployment rate for the two previous calendar years. The national average during the current reference period from January 1979 through December 1980, was 6.6 percent, therefore the qualifying rate for the current listing was 7.9 percent.

Areas can also be classified as labor surplus on the basis of exceptional circumstances. This permits eligibility criteria to be waived in areas where a sudden, unforeseen rise in unemployment has occurred and is not reflected in the average unemployment during the reference period. Examples of such circumstances would be natural disasters, plant closings and contract cancellations.

Fifteen Connecticut communities comprise the state's share of the 1,058 labor surplus areas in the nation. In Connecticut, designation is made on a city or town basis. The current list includes:

Ansonia	New Haven	Sterling	Voluntown
Griswold	Plainfield	Thomaston	Waterbury
Killingly	Putnam	Thompson	Winchester
Meriden	Sprague	Torrington	

ANNUAL PLANNING INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Annual Planning Information for the State of Connecticut, the major labor market areas and CETA Prime Sponsor areas is available. The publication contains current information and forecasts of employment, unemployment and occupational trends. Also included are characteristics of population, labor force, unemployed, economically disadvantaged and other special groups. Copies may be obtained from the Office of Research and Information, Connecticut Labor Department, Employment Security Division, Hartford, Connecticut 06115 (566-3462).

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July 1981

Employment, personal income and average weekly wages increased to record levels in Connecticut during June, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro, and seasonally adjusted unemployment rose one-tenth of one percent, remaining well below the national rate.

Employment, Wages and Hours: There were 1,450,600 persons working in nonagricultural jobs in June, the highest in state history (page 2). This represented an increase of 9,200 from May. Manufacturing employment advanced by 2,300 to 440,300 with substantial hiring by producers of electrical equipment, fabricated metals products, chemicals and machinery. A continued seasonal rise in construction jobs, together with gains in trade and finance and real estate, boosted nonmanufacturing employment by nearly 7,000 to more than 1,010,000. Government employment dropped by 2,100 largely because of summer closing of school systems.

Average weekly earnings of Connecticut factory production workers rose $1.11 to a new high of $319.35 in June while the average workweek was slightly longer at 41.8 hours. Hourly earnings were at $7.64 (page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings for June were $7.32 or $292.80 per week, compared with $7.34 and $293.60 straight-time wages in May. This June's figures represent an increase of 8 percent in the hourly rate since June 1980. Highest hourly earnings were paid in the labor market areas of Bristol, Ansonia, Hartford and Middletown, all of which reported averages exceeding $8.00 hourly (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment in Connecticut increased in June and seasonally adjusted was 5.9 percent, well below the comparable national figure of 7.3 percent. Each of the 16 labor market areas had a monthly increase in unemployment (page 4). Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: In addition to the highest weekly wages, employment and personal income levels ever recorded, manufacturing output advanced in June, and there was improvement in the manufacturing new hire rate and automobile registrations. An increase in initial filings for unemployment benefits was also reported (page 7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

	June 1981	May 1981	June (R) 1980	% Change June '81 over May '81	% Change June '81 over June '80
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,450,600*	1,441,400*	1,441,800*	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Manufacturing.....	440,300*	438,000*	445,500*	+ 0.5	- 1.2
Metallic Manufacturing....	321,300	320,200*	326,800*	+ 0.3	- 1.7
Primary Metals.....	20,700*	20,400*	20,400*	+ 1.5	+ 1.5
Fabricated Metals.....	65,300	64,900	65,800*	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	62,400	61,900	63,200	+ 0.8	- 1.3
Electrical Equipment.....	52,100	51,200	52,900	+ 1 8	- 1.5
Trans. Equipment.....	85,200	86,600	88,600	- 1.6	- 3.8
Instruments & Clocks.....	27,500*	27,200	27,700	+ 1.1	- 0.7
Other Metallic Mfg.....	8,100	8,000	8,200	+ 1.2	- 1.2
Nonmetallic Manufacturing.	119,000	117,800	118,700*	+ 1.0	+ 0.2
Food.....	12,700	12,500	12,900	+ 1.6	- 1.6
Textiles.....	8,200	8,100	8,600	+ 1.2	- 4.6
Apparel.....	11,300	11,100	11,400	+ 1.8	- 0.9
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,600	6,600	6,800	0	- 2.9
Paper.....	9,900	9,800	9,600	+ 1.0	+ 3.1
Printing & Publishing....	24,200	24,100	24,000*	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Chemicals.....	19,100	18,700	19,000	+ 2.1	+ 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	13,400	13,300	13,400*	+ 0.8	0
Other Nonmetallic Mfg....	13,600	13,600	13,000*	0	+ 4.6
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,010,300*	1,003,400*	996,300*	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Construction.....	52,600*	48,300*	51,200*	+ 8.9	+ 2.7
Transportation (Inc. R.R.)	32,000	31,800	32,700	+ 0.6	- 2.1
Communications.....	18,400	18,300	17,900	+ 0.5	+ 2.8
Utilities.....	11,100	11,100	11,100	0	0
Trade.....	302,400	300,000	301,700*	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
Wholesale.....	74,900	74,400	73,900*	+ 0.7	+ 1.4
Retail.....	159,100	158,300	160,800	+ 0.5	- 1.1
Restaurants.....	68,400	67,300	67,000	+ 1.6	+ 2.1
Finance & Real Estate...	48,000	46,900	45,900	+ 2.3	+ 4.6
Insurance.....	62,400	62,000	60,000	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Service.....	300,300	299,800	290,100*	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Hotels.....	6,200	6,100	6,900	+ 1.6	- 10.1
Laundries & Pers. Serv.	14,100	14,000	14,100	+ 0.7	0
Health Services.....	99,100	98,400	94,900*	+ 0.7	+ 4.4
Law & Professional.....	20,600	20,600	20,100	0	+ 2.5
Other Services.....	160,300	160,700	154,100	- 0.2	+ 4.0
Government.....	183,100	185,200	185,700	- 1.1	- 1.4
Federal.....	21,900	21,800	23,200	+ 0.5	- 5.6
State & Local.....	161,200	163,400	162,500	- 1.3	- 0.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	June 1981	May 1981	June 1980	June 1981	May 1981	June 1980	June 1981	May 1981	June 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$319.35	$318.24	$293.70	41.8	41.6	41.6	$7.64	$7.65	$7.06
Metallic Manufacturing.....	329.64	328.50	307.10	42.1	41.9	42.3	7.83	7.84	7.26
Primary Metals.....	367.98	367.11	323.25	43.6	43.6	42.2	8.44	8.42	7.66
Fabricated Metals.....	304.56	303.96	277.20	42.3	42.1	42.0	7.20	7.22	6.60
Machinery.....	361.88	357.73	347.21	43.6	43.1	44.4	8.30	8.30	7.82
Electrical Equipment.....	264.92	263.04	235.99	41.2	41.1	40.9	6.43	6.40	5.77
Transportation Equipment....	375.19	375.55	349.84	40.3	40.6	41.5	9.31	9.25	8.43
Instruments and Clocks.....	299.64	287.64	285.32	43.3	42.3	43.1	6.92	6.80	6.62
Other Metallic Mfg.....	277.64	272.35	252.18	44.0	41.9	42.1	6.31	6.50	5.99
Nonmetallic Manufacturing....	291.51	290.50	258.30	41.0	40.8	39.8	7.11	7.12	6.49
Food.....	308.43	301.10	290.65	41.4	40.8	40.2	7.45	7.38	7.23
Textiles.....	237.33	233.63	210.81	40.5	39.8	39.7	5.86	5.87	5.31
Apparel.....	186.22	183.50	163.99	36.3	35.7	36.2	5.13	5.14	4.53
Lumber & Furniture.....	235.17	240.44	209.67	40.2	41.1	38.9	5.85	5.85	5.39
Paper.....	363.13	357.50	332.32	46.2	45.6	45.9	7.86	7.84	7.24
Printing & Publishing.....	292.81	293.66	254.41	37.3	37.6	36.5	7.85	7.81	6.97
Chemicals.....	361.67	371.52	321.09	42.4	43.0	41.7	8.53	8.64	7.70
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.....	280.14	283.24	261.06	42.0	41.9	40.6	6.67	6.76	6.43
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	317.39	306.79	267.19	43.3	42.2	40.3	7.33	7.27	6.63
Construction.....	457.45	443.07	427.36	37.9	36.8	39.1	12.07	12.04	10.93

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	June 1981 Number	June 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	May 1981 Number	May 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	June 1980 (R) Number	June 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	96,100	6.0	84,500	5.3	105,000	6.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(5.9)		(5.8)		(6.3)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,700	9.9	1,300	8.0	1,800	9.8
Bridgeport.....	11,600	5.9	10,500	5.4	13,200	6.5
Bristol.....	2,600	7.2	2,300	6.5	3,500	9.1
Danbury.....	5,200	5.6	4,500	5.0	5,400	6.0
Danielson.....	2,300	8.0	2,200	7.7	3,000	9.8
Hartford.....	21,400	5.5	18,300	4.7	21,100	5.3
Meriden.....	2,400	8.8	2,100	8.2	2,300	8.7
Middletown.....	3,500	5.7	3,100	5.3	3,200	5.2
New Britain.....	5,000	6.5	4,200	5.5	4,800	6.1
New Haven.....	13,700	6.7	12,300	6.1	14,000	6.7
New London-Norwich.....	6,700	6.2	5,700	5.4	7,400	6.7
Norwalk.....	3,300	4.3	2,800	3.7	4,000	5.2
Stamford.....	4,600	3.8	4,200	3.5	6,800	5.4
Torrington.....	3,200	7.9	2,900	7.2	3,300	8.0
Waterbury.....	7,600	7.1	7,200	6.8	9,900	8.6
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.4	900	3.6	1,300	5.6
U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,279,000	7.7	7,545,000	7.1	8,291,000	7.8
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(7.3)		(7.6)		(7.5)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	June '81	May '81	June '80
All Items.....	271.3	269.0	247.6
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.9	+ 9.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	June'81	May'81	June'80 (R)	Percent Change to June 1981 from: May'81	June'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,620	8,560	8,890	+ 0.7	- 3.0
Manufacturing	3,150	3,110	3,400	+ 1.3	- 7.4
Nonmanufacturing	5,470	5,450	5,490	+ 0.4	- 0.4
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	172,170*	171,090*	170,290*	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	67,010	66,400	64,390*	+ 0.9	+ 4.1
Nonmanufacturing	105,160*	104,690*	105,900	+ 0.4	- 0.7
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	24,220	24,220	24,510*	0.0	- 1.2
Manufacturing	10,360	10,400	10,730*	- 0.4	- 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	13,860	13,820	13,780	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	66,770	66,280*	64,380	+ 0.7	+ 3.7
Manufacturing	22,340	21,990	21,340	+ 1.6	+ 4.7
Nonmanufacturing	44,430	44,290*	43,040	+ 0.3	+ 3.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,460	20,280	20,090	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Manufacturing	9,580	9,520	9,260	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	10,880	10,760	10,830	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	404,480	403,610	404,970*	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Manufacturing	97,510	97,970	102,130*	- 0.5	- 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	306,970	305,640	302,840*	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,810	21,420	21,560	+ 1.8	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	5,700	5,530	5,890	+ 3.0	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	16,110	15,890	15,670	+ 1.4	+ 2.8
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	47,420	47,200	47,960*	+ 0.5	- 1.1
Manufacturing	15,310	15,390	16,890	- 0.5	- 9.4
Nonmanufacturing	32,110	31,810	31,070*	+ 0.9	+ 3.3
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,900	65,950	65,680*	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Manufacturing	29,850	29,790	30,480*	+ 0.2	- 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	36,050	36,160	35,200	- 0.3	+ 2.4
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	193,380*	193,340	194,540	+ 0.1	- 0.6
Manufacturing	39,780*	40,160	44,310	- 0.9	- 10.2
Nonmanufacturing	153,600	153,180	150,230	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	95,110	94,010*	94,150*	+ 1.2	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	36,160	35,950	34,900	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	58,950	58,060*	59,250*	+ 1.5	- 0.5
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,330	63,130*	63,010	+ 1.9	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	21,340	21,140	20,630	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
Nonmanufacturing	42,990	41,990*	42,380	+ 2.4	+ 1.4

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	June'81	May'81	June'80 (R)	Percent Change to June 1981 from: May'81	June'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	112,770*	110,640*	110,470	+ 1.9	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	31,320*	31,220*	31,500	+ 0.3	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	81,450	79,420*	78,970	+ 2.6	+ 3.1
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	29,150	28,990	29,130	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	10,520	10,480	10,420	+ 0.4	+ 1.0
Nonmanufacturing	18,630	18,510	18,710	+ 0.6	- 0.4
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	89,020	88,160*	90,970*	+ 1.0	- 2.1
Manufacturing	32,940	32,810	33,830*	+ 0.4	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	56,080	55,350*	57,140	+ 1.3	- 1.9
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	18,360	19,970	18,220	- 8.1	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	3,010	3,010	3,010	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	15,350	16,960	15,210	- 9.5	+ 0.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - JUNE 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jun'81	May'81	Jun'80	Jun'81	May'81	Jun'80	Jun'81	May'81	Jun'80
Ansonia	$359.91	$355.72	$333.43	43.0	42.5	42.1	$8.37	$8.37	$7.92
Bridgeport	340.49	336.26	304.68	43.1	43.0	42.2	7.90	7.82	7.22
Bristol	359.72	350.15	330.42	40.6	39.7	40.1	8.86	8.82	8.24
Danbury	311.61	312.32	292.18	44.2	44.3	45.3	7.05	7.05	6.45
Danielson	257.79	256.37	223.94	39.0	39.2	37.2	6.61	6.54	6.02
Hartford	334.13	333.29	318.78	41.2	41.3	42.0	8.11	8.07	7.59
Meriden	280.70	283.87	271.97	40.8	41.2	42.1	6.88	6.89	6.46
Middletown	322.40	319.60	302.94	40.1	40.0	39.6	8.04	7.99	7.65
New Britain	335.20	330.85	308.00	42.7	42.2	42.6	7.85	7.84	7.23
New Haven	299.95	293.78	283.01	40.1	39.7	40.2	7.48	7.40	7.04
New London-Norwich	314.74	313.07	292.25	40.3	40.5	40.2	7.81	7.73	7.27
Norwalk	316.36	309.89	299.27	44.0	43.1	44.6	7.19	7.19	6.71
Stamford	295.40	293.76	281.54	41.2	41.2	42.4	7.17	7.13	6.64
Torrington	242.13	238.14	216.94	40.9	40.5	40.1	5.92	5.88	5.41
Waterbury	275.60	270.67	248.35	42.4	41.9	41.6	6.50	6.46	5.97
Willimantic	253.76	256.34	259.01	41.6	42.3	43.9	6.10	6.06	5.90

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.8	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.6	1425.5	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.9	1424.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1441.8	1416.5	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1415.6	1424.9	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1406.0	1420.6	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1422.1	1417.6	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1428.9	1421.7	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1436.8	1424.1	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1443.6	1426.0	1.0	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1445.2	1.4	1.6	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.5	1.5	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....	1432.6	1429.7	1.4	1.6	4644	5120	5.8	6.0
May....	1441.4	1430.0	1.7(R)	1.5(R)	3941	5282	5.3	5.8
Jun....	1450.6	1425.0	2.2(P)	1.8(P)	5786	6582	6.0	5.9
Jul....								
Aug....								
Sep....								
Oct....								
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....	2890.5	12979	13271	41.5	41.8	119.3	116.2
May....	2906.6	9161	8328	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	2923.3	9387	7868	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.0
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF CONNECTICUT WORKERS
COVERED UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION
(Including All Workers: Executive, Clerical, Supervisory, Sales etc.)

2ND QUARTER 1980, 1ST QUARTER 1980, 4th QUARTER 1979, 3RD QUARTER 1979

INDUSTRY	2nd Qtr. 1980	1st Qtr. 1980	4th Qtr. 1979	3rd Qtr. 1979
Total.....	$280.36	$282.74	$275.06	$255.66
Total Manufacturing.....	347.99	353.92	339.82	313.86
Total Nonmanufacturing.....	249.63	249.29	245.47	229.03
Construction.....	345.29	351.34	345.76	314.09
Transportation.....	287.34	277.66	292.85	275.95
Communications & Utilities.....	396.88	395.26	384.68	383.50
Trade.....	207.78	211.92	206.75	195.73
Wholesale.....	365.44	379.81	364.75	332.95
Retail.....	181.83	179.32	179.13	173.54
Restaurants.....	99.29	99.99	98.33	95.55
Finance & Real Estate.....	257.87	272.62	268.93	247.22
Insurance.....	327.75	346.96	319.31	307.30
Service.....	223.27	219.95	219.34	205.51
Hotels.....	142.12	143.22	144.54	125.87
Laundries, Dyeing & Cleaning.	157.97	156.06	158.04	149.49
Business Service.....	238.52	237.70	251.45	220.94
Auto Repair Service & Garage.	218.99	217.67	226.06	210.49
Health Services.....	241.70	231.41	224.70	227.12
Government.....	275.69	264.31	258.06	231.52

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August 1981

Seasonal factors caused employment in Connecticut to move downward in July, while the level and rate of unemployment edged slightly higher. At the same time, personal income of state residents continued a slow advance and several other economic indicators reflected mixed trends, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Largely as a result of seasonal forces, nonagricultural employment in Connecticut fell to 1,427,900 in July, down by 22,700 from June. Some factory cutbacks did take place, notably in transportation equipment manufacturing, but much of the factory sector decline was due to summer vacation shutdowns. The greater part of a job loss in government and transportation services was attributed to the furloughing of school support staff such as cafeteria workers and school bus drivers who normally do not work during the summer. The trade industry workforce also traditionally declines in the warmer summer months and this year was no exception. Over the past year, however, slow growth has characterized the state employment picture, and since July 1980 an estimated 12,300 more jobs have been added.

Average weekly earnings of factory production workers dropped by $1.40 in July to $317.95 due to a shorter workweek of 41.4 hours. Hourly earnings of the state's production workers averaged $7.68, an increase of four cents from June. Adjusted to a straight-time, 40-hour workweek to remove the effects of overtime payments, the hourly wage rose six cents to $7.38 during July for a gain of 55 cents or 8 percent over the past year. The highest hourly wages were earned by production workers in factories in the Bristol labor market area where the overall average was $8.89 per hour, followed by factory workers in the Ansonia area at $8.35 and in the Hartford area at $8.12.

Unemployment: Statewide joblessness increased to 101,600 or 6.3 percent of the labor force, slightly more than expected if normal seasonal patterns were followed. As a result, when adjusted for seasonality the statewide unemployment rate moved up from June's 5.9 percent to 6.1, still well below the comparable national rate which was recorded at 7.0 percent in July. Higher unemployment was reported in fourteen of Connecticut's sixteen labor market areas while the totals remained unchanged in two.

Other Indicators: After adjustment for seasonality, a number of the indicators used to monitor the state's economy showed mixed behavior; although all but one -- new auto registrations -- were in a better position this year than they were a year earlier. Average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits declined in July, personal income of state residents advanced, new auto registrations grew, and the manufacturing output rate was essentially unchanged. On the down side, the average workweek of factory production workers was slightly shorter in July than in June and new hires at manufacturing establishments were somewhat reduced.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

July 1981

	July 1981	June 1981	July (R) 1980	% Change July '81 over June '81	% Change July '81 over July '80
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,427,900*	1,450,600*	1,415,600*	- 1.6	+ 0.9
Manufacturing.....	432,300*	440,300*	436,500*	- 1.8	- 1.0
Metallic Manufacturing....	314,600*	321,300	320,900*	- 2.1	- 2.0
Primary Metals.....	20,300*	20,700*	20,600*	- 1.9	- 1.5
Fabricated Metals.....	64,000	65,300	63,900*	- 2.0	+ 0.2
Machinery, Ex. Elec.....	61,800	62,400	62,300	- 1.0	- 0.8
Electrical Equipment.....	51,200	52,100	51,000	- 1.7	+ 0.4
Transportation Equip.....	82,500	85,200	87,700*	- 3.2	- 5.9
Instruments & Clocks.....	27,200*	27,500*	27,400	- 1.1	- 0.7
Other Metallic Mfg.....	7,600	8,100	8,000	- 6.2	- 5.0
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	117,700	119,000	115,600*	- 1.1	+ 1.8
Food.....	12,600	12,700	12,700	- 0.8	- 0.8
Textiles.....	8,000	8,200	7,700	- 2.4	+ 3.9
Apparel.....	10,500	11,300	10,100	- 7.1	+ 4.0
Furniture & Lumber.....	6,400	6,600	6,200	- 3.0	+ 3.2
Paper.....	9,900	9,900	9,400	0.0	+ 5.3
Printing & Publishing....	24,200	24,200	23,800*	0.0	+ 1.7
Chemicals.....	19,200	19,100	19,000	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plast.....	13,400	13,400	13,600	0.0	- 1.5
Other Nonmetallic Mfg....	13,500	13,600	13,100	- 0.7	+ 3.1
Nonmanufacturing.....	995,600	1,010,300*	979,100*	- 1.5	+ 1.7
Construction.....	53,200	52,600*	51,800*	+ 1.1	+ 2.7
Transp. (Inc. R.R.).....	28,900	32,000	30,300	- 9.7	- 4.6
Communications.....	18,500	18,400	17,900	+ 0.5	+ 3.4
Utilities.....	11,200	11,100	11,200	+ 0.9	0.0
Trade.....	299,000	302,400	297,800*	- 1.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale.....	74,400	74,900	74,100*	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Retail.....	157,900	159,100	158,300	- 0.7	- 0.3
Restaurants.....	66,700	68,400	65,400	- 2.5	+ 2.0
Finance & Real Estate....	48,400	48,000	46,000	+ 0.8	+ 5.2
Insurance.....	62,700	62,400	60,700	+ 0.5	+ 3.3
Service.....	299,700	300,300	288,500*	- 0.2	+ 3.9
Hotels.....	7,000	6,200	7,900	+ 12.9	- 11.4
Laundries & Pers. Serv..	13,900	14,100	13,800	- 1.4	+ 0.7
Health Services.....	98,700	99,100	94,500	- 0.4	+ 4.4
Law & Professional.....	20,600	20,600	20,000	0.0	+ 3.0
Other Services.....	159,500	160,300	152,300	- 0.5	+ 4.7
Government.....	174,000	183,100	174,900	- 5.0	- 0.5
Federal.....	22,100	21,900	22,900	+ 0.9	- 3.5
State & Local.....	151,900	161,200	152,000	- 5.8	- 0.1

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	July 1981	June 1981	July 1980	July 1981	June 1981	July 1980	July 1981	June 1981	July 1980
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$317.95	$319.35	$293.23	41.4	41.8	41.3	$7.68	$7.64	$7.10
Metallic Manufacturing.....	328.18	329.64	305.45	41.7	42.1	41.9	7.87	7.83	7.29
Primary Metals.....	367.16	367.98	316.71	43.4	43.6	41.4	8.46	8.44	7.65
Fabricated Metals.....	304.50	304.56	272.24	42.0	42.3	41.5	7.25	7.20	6.56
Machinery.....	356.44	361.88	339.68	43.1	43.6	44.0	8.27	8.30	7.72
Electrical Equipment.....	269.93	264.92	235.94	41.4	41.2	40.4	6.52	6.43	5.84
Transportation Equipment....	368.32	375.19	352.67	39.1	40.3	41.2	9.42	9.31	8.56
Instruments and Clocks.....	312.84	299.64	284.38	44.0	43.3	42.7	7.11	6.92	6.66
Other Metallic Mfg.....	276.38	277.64	257.79	43.8	44.0	42.4	6.31	6.31	6.08
Nonmetallic Manufacturing....	290.39	291.51	261.09	40.5	41.0	39.8	7.17	7.11	6.56
Food.....	309.75	308.43	295.61	41.3	41.4	41.0	7.50	7.45	7.21
Textiles.....	233.63	237.33	203.45	39.8	40.5	38.9	5.87	5.86	5.23
Apparel.....	182.50	186.22	163.44	35.3	36.3	36.0	5.17	5.13	4.54
Lumber & Furniture.....	228.14	235.17	217.60	39.2	40.2	40.0	5.82	5.85	5.44
Paper.....	362.15	363.13	333.23	45.9	45.2	45.9	7.89	7.86	7.26
Printing & Publishing.....	292.56	292.81	257.33	36.8	37.3	36.5	7.95	7.85	7.05
Chemicals.....	363.36	361.67	318.78	42.3	42.4	41.4	8.59	8.53	7.70
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.....	275.46	280.14	263.57	41.8	42.0	40.8	6.59	6.67	6.46
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	315.03	317.39	267.06	42.4	43.3	39.8	7.43	7.33	6.71
Construction.....	459.27	457.45	415.34	37.8	37.9	38.6	12.15	12.07	10.76

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	July 1981 Number	July 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	June 1981 Number	June 1981 Ratio to Labor Force	July 1980 (R) Number	July 1980 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	101,600	6.3	96,100	6.0	110,600	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.1)		(5.9)		(6.5)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,600	9.9	1,700	9.9	1,900	10.4
Bridgeport.....	12,100	6.2	11,600	5.9	13,800	6.9
Bristol.....	2,900	8.0	2,600	7.2	3,800	10.2
Danbury.....	5,500	5.9	5,200	5.6	5,600	6.2
Danielson.....	2,600	9.0	2,300	8.0	4,000	13.0
Hartford.....	22,200	5.7	21,400	5.5	21,300	5.4
Meriden.....	2,400	9.1	2,400	8.8	2,800	10.3
Middletown.....	3,600	5.9	3,500	5.7	3,500	5.6
New Britain.....	5,400	7.1	5,000	6.5	5,700	7.4
New Haven.....	13,900	6.9	13,700	6.7	14,500	7.0
New London-Norwich.....	6,900	6.4	6,700	6.2	7,500	6.8
Norwalk.....	3,600	4.7	3,300	4.3	4,200	5.4
Stamford.....	4,800	3.9	4,600	3.8	5,400	4.4
Torrington.....	3,600	8.6	3,200	7.9	4,100	9.3
Waterbury.....	9,200	8.5	7,600	7.1	11,000	9.6
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.4	1,300	5.4	1,500	6.6
U.S. Total-Actual.....	7,934,000	7.3	8,279,000	7.7	8,410,000	7.9
Seasonally Adjusted		(7.0)		(7.3)		(7.6)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	July '81	June '81	July '80
All Items.....	274.4	271.3	247.8
Percent Change From....	xxx	+1.1	+10.7

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	July'81	June'81	July'80(R)	Percent Change to July 1981 from: June'81	July'80
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,270	8,620	8,650	- 4.1	- 4.4
Manufacturing	3,110	3,150	3,420	- 1.3	- 9.1
Nonmanufacturing	5,160	5,470	5,230	- 5.7	- 1.3
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	171,040	172,170*	170,290*	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	66,820	67,010	64,390*	- 0.3	+ 3.8
Nonmanufacturing	104,220	105,160*	105,900	- 0.9	- 1.6
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,500	24,220	23,520*	- 3.0	- 0.1
Manufacturing	10,200	10,360	10,540*	- 1.5	- 3.2
Nonmanufacturing	13,300	13,860	12,980	- 4.0	+ 2.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	65,420	66,770	63,420	- 2.0	+ 3.2
Manufacturing	22,220	22,340	21,160	- 0.5	+ 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	43,200	44,430	42,260	- 2.8	+ 2.2
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,790	20,460	19,580	- 3.3	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	9,400	9,580	9,000	- 1.9	+ 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	10,390	10,880	10,580	- 4.5	- 1.8
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	397,260	404,480	398,410*	- 1.8	- 0.3
Manufacturing	95,480	97,510	100,270*	- 2.1	- 4.8
Nonmanufacturing	301,780	306,970	298,140*	- 1.7	+ 1.2
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,390	21,810	21,110	- 1.9	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	5,630	5,700	5,650	- 1.2	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	15,760	16,110	15,460	- 2.2	+ 1.9
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	46,670	47,420	46,430*	- 1.6	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	15,260	15,310	16,060*	- 0.3	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	31,410	32,110	30,370*	- 2 2	+ 3.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,630	65,900	62,420*	- 3.4	- 1.9
Manufacturing	28,310	29,850	27,850*	- 5.2	- 1.7
Nonmanufacturing	35,320	36,050	34,570	- 2.0	+ 2.2
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	189,000*	193,380*	191,150*	- 2.3	- 1.1
Manufacturing	38,910*	39,780*	43,030	- 2.2	- 9.6
Nonmanufacturing	150,090	153,600	148,120*	- 2.3	+ 1.3
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	93,720	95,110	94,280*	- 1.5	- 0.6
Manufacturing	34,830	36,160	35,690	- 3.7	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	58,890	58,950	58,590*	- 0.1	+ 0.5
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,830	64,330	62,160*	- 0.8	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	21,430	21,340	20,700	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Nonmanufacturing	42,400	42,990	41,460*	- 1.4	- 2.3

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	July'81	June'81	July'80 (R)	Percent Change to July 1981 from: June'81	July'80
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	111,530*	112,770*	108,840*	- 1.1	+ 2.5
Manufacturing	31,200*	31,320*	30,870	- 0.4	+ 1.1
Nonmanufacturing	80,330	81,450	77,970*	- 1.4	+ 3.0
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,740	29,150	29,750	- 1.4	- 3.4
Manufacturing	10,120	10,520	10,400	- 3.8	- 2.7
Nonmanufacturing	18,620	18,630	19,350	- 0.1	- 3.8
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,930	89,020	88,970*	- 1.2	- 1.2
Manufacturing	32,220	32,940	32,410*	- 2.2	- 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	55,710	56,080	56,560	- 0.7	- 1.5
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	17,550	18,360	17,310	- 4.4	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	2,980	3,010	2,920	- 1.0	+ 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	14,570	15,350	14,390	- 5.1	+ 1.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS AND LABOR MARKET AREA - JULY 1981

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jul'81	Jun'81	Jul'80	Jul'81	Jun'81	Jul'80	Jul'81	Jun'81	Jul'80
Ansonia	$381.60	$359.91	$321.58	45.7	43.0	40.4	$8.35	$8.37	$7.96
Bridgeport	341.91	340.49	313.60	42.9	43.1	42.9	7.97	7.90	7.31
Bristol	367.16	359.72	326.30	41.3	40.6	39.6	8.89	8.86	8.24
Danbury	308.42	311.61	282.53	43.5	44.2	43.6	7.09	7.05	6.48
Danielson	258.02	257.79	225.70	38.8	39.0	37.0	6.65	6.61	6.10
Hartford	328.86	334.13	311.88	40.5	41.2	41.2	8.12	8.11	7.57
Meriden	284.96	280.70	262.20	41.6	40.8	40.4	6.85	6.88	6.49
Middletown	319.56	322.40	304.92	39.5	40.1	39.6	8.09	8.04	7.70
New Britain	331.57	335.20	310.17	42.4	42.7	42.2	7.82	7.85	7.35
New Haven	303.75	299.95	280.80	40.5	40.1	40.0	7.50	7.48	7.02
New London-Norwich	315.99	314.74	295.40	40.1	40.3	40.3	7.88	7.81	7.33
Norwalk	328.50	316.36	304.87	45.0	44.0	44.9	7.30	7.19	6.79
Stamford	298.19	295.40	284.14	41.3	41.2	42.6	7.22	7.17	6.67
Torrington	241.08	242.13	215.12	41.0	40.9	39.4	5.88	5.92	5.46
Waterbury	267.73	275.60	244.99	41.0	42.4	40.9	6.53	6.50	5.99
Willimantic	263.16	253.76	268.77	43.0	41.6	45.4	6.12	6.10	5.92

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980								
Jan....	1409.8	1427.6	2.0	2.1	7301	5213	6.1	5.5
Feb....	1405.9	1429.8	1.9	2.2	4513	4843	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1418.1	1436.3	2.1	2.1	3752	4641	5.6	5.2
Apr....	1427.6	1425.5	1.7	1.9	5179	5708	5.5	5.5
May....	1435.9	1424.8	1.9	1.8	4807	6444	5.6	5.8
Jun....	1441.8	1416.5	2.1	1.6	6289	7154	6.4	6.3
Jul....	1415.6	1424.9	1.1	1.2	9917	6382	6.8	6.5
Aug....	1406.0	1420.6	1.5	1.3	6643	6956	6.4	6.4
Sep....	1422.1	1417.6	1.8	1.4	4175	6639	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1428.9	1421.7	1.6	1.5	4256	6129	5.5	6.1
Nov....	1436.8	1424.1	1.4	1.6	4464	5739	5.5	6.0
Dec....	1443.6	1426.0	1.0	1.5	9094	5285	5.8	6.0
1981								
Jan....	1421.5	1438.8	1.4	1.5	7433	5305	7.1	5.9
Feb....	1420.6	1445.2	1.4	1.6	4533	4864	6.8	5.9
Mar....	1428.6	1447.4	1.5	1.5	4055	5019	6.2	6.0
Apr....	1432.6	1429.7	1.4	1.6	4644	5120	5.8	6.0
May....	1441.4	1430.0	1.7	1.5	3941	5282	5.3	5.8
Jun....	1450.6	1425.0	2.2	1.8	5786	6582	6.0	5.9
Jul....	1427.9	1436.5	1.5(P)	1.6(P)	8374	5389	6.3	6.1
Aug....								
Sep....								
Oct....								
Nov....								
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10175	42.6	42.4	121.1	116.6
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10125	42.2	42.3	120.6	116.8
Mar....	2706.0	13194	11325	42.2	42.1	121.9	116.9
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10155	41.9	42.2	121.2	118.1
May....	2696.9	9875	8903	41.8	42.0	120.0	116.8
Jun....	2704.1	9868	8274	41.6	41.7	118.8	114.5
Jul....	2747.7	9564	8646	41.3	41.6	100.5	113.1
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8937	41.3	41.8	100.4	113.4
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12069	41.3	41.4	116.2	114.2
Oct....	2799.0	13032	12248	41.5	41.4	117.4	114.9
Nov....	2810.3	8060	10056	42.0	41.6	120.2	116.1
Dec....	2842.3	10979	11423	42.3	41.6	110.3	116.9
1981							
Jan....	2888.1	9052	10275	42.1	41.9	119.7	115.2
Feb....	2900.4	7491	9180	41.8	41.9	117.1	113.4
Mar....	2917.3	11387	9774	41.8	41.7	120.3	115.5
Apr....	2890.5	12979	13271	41.5	41.8	119.3	116.2
May....	2906.6	9161	8328	41.6	41.8	119.3	116.1
Jun....	2923.3	9387	7868	41.8	41.9	121.4	117.0
Jul....	2943.5	9219	8335	41.4	41.7	104.0	117.1
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

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